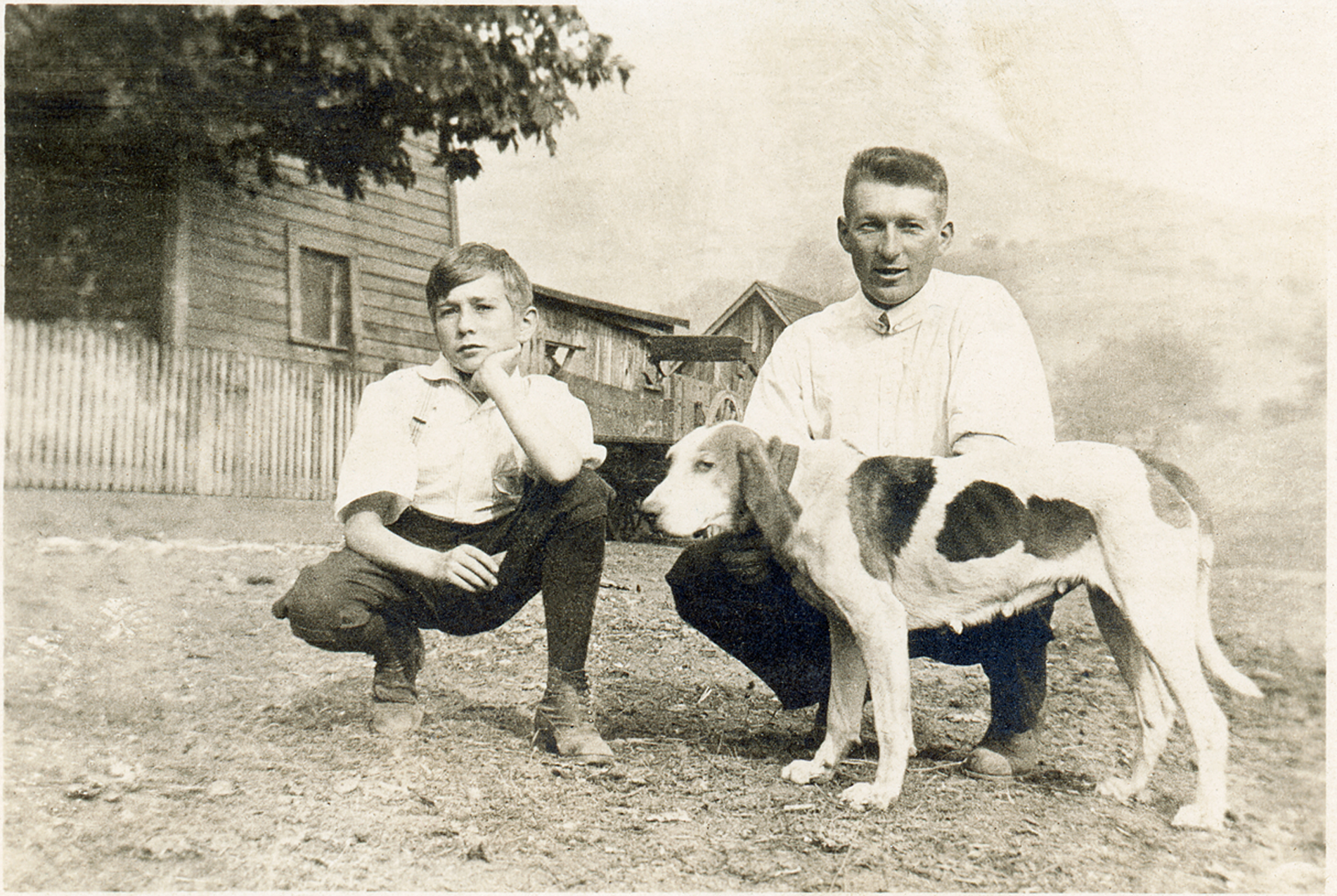

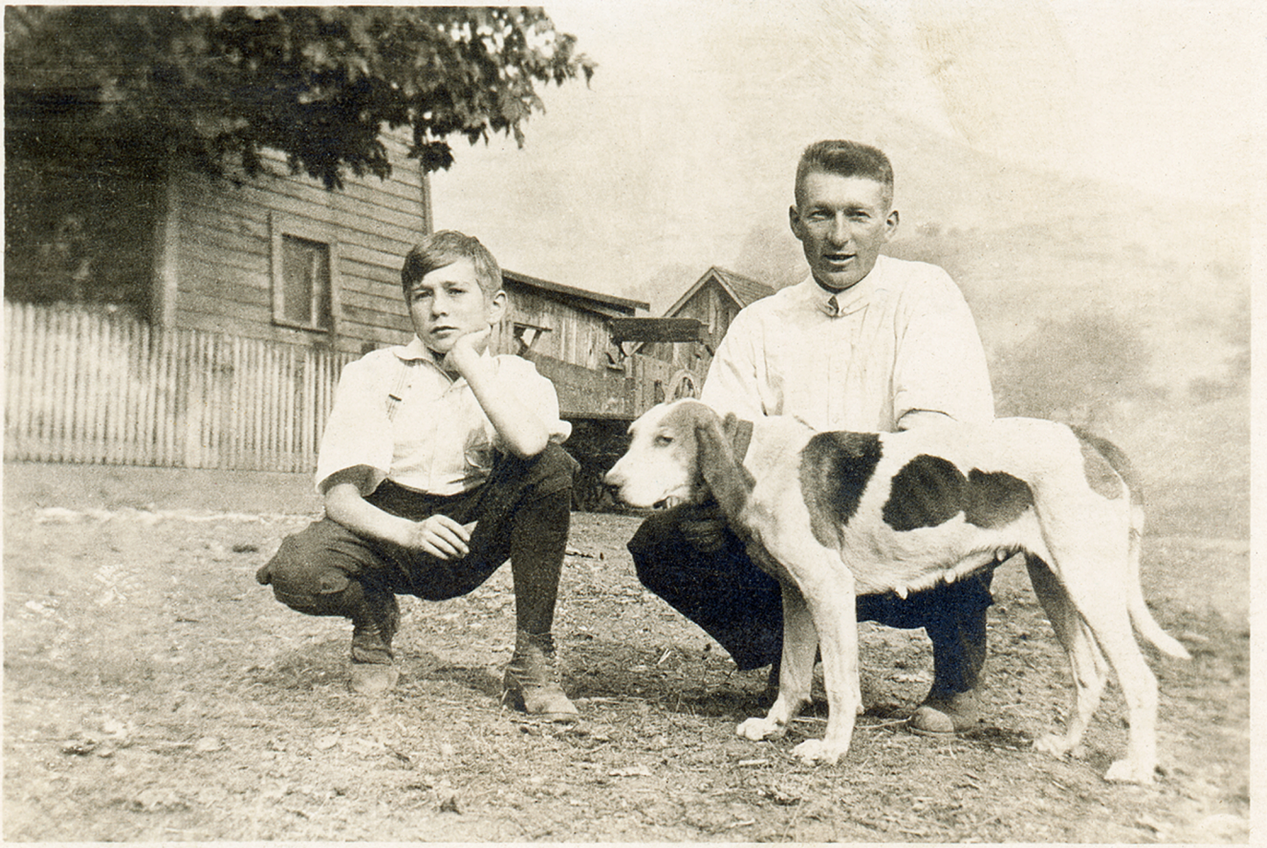

# Thurman Dear and Older Brother Cecil or Charles with Hound
c 1912-1914

## Reflections
Jeffrey Hunt
January 21 2026

This photograph appears to have originally come from an album. There are no markings of any kind on the reverse. A black photo album belonging to Tim, containing classmates, family members, and related images, is included in the steel box; however, a number of photographs appear to have fallen out over time. I still need to decide whether to leave this photograph in the album or remove it for proper long-term archival storage. Before any removal, I will photograph the existing page layout to preserve original context.
— JH, June 2022
Measure: 2.5 × 3.5 inches

## Additional Notes from Smugmug

Wally Dunsmoor July 23 2022
More meanderings;
If you can stretch Tim's age to 14 & then consider the soldier's haircut on his brother, this might be 1916, beginning of WWI, when Edward was in the army and Allen Cecil enlisted in the navy.
Also, this dog is certainly not the same dog that appears in the photo of Ed & his basketball team but she's probably in the same family.

Jeffrey Hunt July 1 2022
Thanks Wally, I'm not familiar with the Dear Family Tree quite yet, it will take me some time to absorb it. I've been through the process with my 2nd great grandparents on Blanches side - John Smith and Esther Wells Smith. Many siblings and unnamed photos. There are about 5 times the amount of photos with that family - and I'm not done either - except, I'm mostly on my own there. I feel the clock ticking - need to get on with scanning. You have been a wonderful help.
This must be older brother Cecil or Charles - maybe we'll be able to match up a couple other photos. (I do know I've seen that dog in another photo! lol).

Wally Dunsmoor July 1 2022
If Tim is 10, 1912, and this fellow is one of his brothers....Bill was only 12, Edward would be 14, Alan Cecil would be 24 & brother Charles Robert Dear would be 26.

Probably one of the two oldest.